

DEPARTMENT OF BUDDHIST STUDIES
BA (Prog) with Buddhist Studies as Non Major/Minor

SEMESTER- V

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE COURSE
CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITE OF THE COURSE

Course Title & Code	Total Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility Criteria/ Prerequisite	Pre-requisite of the course, if any
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical		
Selected Pāli Text DSC 5A	4	3	1	0	12th Pass	Nil

Objectives: This course aims at providing students with a comprehensive treatment of the grammar, syntax, and usage of Pāli, in order to allow them, by the end of the year, to read independently simple Pāli texts, and to pursue more advanced studies in Pāli and related literature.

Course Learning Outcomes:

At the end of the course, a student should be able to:

- Understand simple passages from the Pāli canon, with the help of a dictionary.
- Demonstrate skills in the interpretation of primary textual sources, and in questioning scholarly interpretation of these sources.
- Locate Pāli texts within the broader framework of Theravada Buddhist literature

SYLLABUS OF SEMESTER- V

Selected Pāli Texts

45 hours

Unit I *Dhammacakkappavattana-sutta*: Setting in Motion the Wheel of Truth

10 hr

- a. *Dve-antā* (two extremes)
- b. *Majjhima Paṭipadā* (The middle path)
- c. *Cattāri Ariyasaccāni* (The Four Noble Truths)

Unit II *Sigālovāda-sutta*: Domestic and Social Ethics and true responsibilities

09 hr

- a. *Cha Disā Paticchadana* : six directions their meanings and safeguarding them.
- b. *Cha Apāyamukhāni*: Six downfalls of an individual
- c. *Suhada Mitto* –four kinds of Benevolent friends

Unit III	<i>Mahāstipatthānasutta: The Foundation of Mindfulness:</i>	10 hr.
	a. Geographical location of the preaching of the <i>Sutta</i> b. The four <i>Satipatthānānas</i> and their importance c. <i>Ānāpāna Pabba</i>, <i>Paṭikūla Manasikāra Pabba</i> : Text reading d. <i>Satipatthānana Bhāvanā Nisaṃso</i>: Benefits of the Mindfulness meditation	
Unit IV	<i>Maṅgalasutta</i>	08 hr.
	a. Background of the discourse b. Thirty-Eight welfares of an individual c. Relevance of the <i>Maṅgalasutta</i> to the youth	
Unit V	<i>Parābhavasutta</i>	08 hr
	a. Background of the discourse b. Causes of defeat of a person c. Relevance of the <i>Parābhavasutta</i> to the contemporary society.	

Suggested Readings:

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7. Dutta, Sukumar, Buddhist Monks & Monasteries of Indian: Their History and Their David, T.W. Rhys; The History and Literature of Buddhism, Susil Gupta (India)LTD, Calcutta, 1952.
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Warder, A.K., Introduction to Pāli, London: 1974.
10. Law, B.C., History of Pāli Literature, 2 volumes; Vacancies; 1970.
11. Masuda, Jiryo; Origin and Doctrines of Early Indian Buddhist School
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15. The Dhammapada, ed. O. von Hinñber & K.R. Norman, Oxford: PTS, 1994; tr. K.R. Norman, The Word of the Doctrine (Dhammapada), translated with introduction and notes, Oxford: PTS, 1997; tr. K.T.S. Sarao, The Dhammapada: A Translator's Guide, New Delhi: Munshiram Manoharlal: 2009; ed. & tr. Narada Thera, The Dhammapada, Taipei: Corporate Body of the Buddha Educational Society, 1993.
16. The Dīgha Nikāya, ed. T.W. Rhys Davids & J.E. Carpenter, 3 Vols. PTS London, 1890-1911. Tr. T.W. & C.A.F. Rhys Davids; The Dialogues of the Buddha; 3 vols. 1899, 1910 & 1957 respectively (reprints), London: PTS.
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19. Walpola Rahula, What the Buddha Taught (First Published in 1978), The Corporate Body

of the Buddha Educational Foundation, Taipei, Taiwan, R.O.C.

20. Warder, A.K., Pāli Metre, London: 1967.

21. Winternitz, M., A History of Indian Literature, 2 volumes, New Delhi: 1968.